

the commissioners of said county, to levy a sum of money expended by said William Rampley, in building of a bridge;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Nelson, Williams and Forwood.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Leave was granted the committee of ways and means to sit during the session of the House.

Mr. Lemmon obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act to alter and change the name of Charles Ricketts, of Somerset county, to that of Charles Evans,

Ordered, that Messrs. Lemmon, Jones and Adams report the same.

Mr. Comegys obtained leave to bring in a bill to be entitled a further supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed at December session 1831, chapter 323;

Ordered, that Messrs. Comegys, Hughes and Simmons report the same.

On motion of Mr. Selby,

Leave was given to the committee on internal improvement to bring a bill to incorporate the Atlantic Rail Road Company.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel,

Ordered, that the committee on public printing be instructed to enquire into the expediency of having printed and distributed, as many copies of the election laws of this State as there is election districts in this State.

Mr. Hopewell, chairman of the joint committee on public printing, delivered the following report:

The joint committee on public printing beg leave to submit a report upon the order of the House of the 9th inst. which is in the following words:

Ordered, that the committee appointed to contract for the public printing be instructed to cause to be published in at least four newspapers of this State, two of which shall be in the city of Baltimore, a notice inviting proposals for the public printing of the next Legislature of this State, and that the said committee be further instructed to give the contract, for the said public printing, to such person or persons as shall propose to execute the same correctly and neatly, and upon the most advantageous terms to the State.

By the act of 1831, ch. 303, the joint committee of the two houses are authorised to contract for the printing. The order requires proposals for the public printing of the next Legislature of this State, and is not confined in its operation to the printing for the House of Delegates. The committee respectfully suggest, that it is not competent for this House to pass a peremptory order, prescribing a course of action to a committee of both houses, and they therefore submit the subject to the consideration of the House,